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Aloha,

I know I do not want Tour Buses picking up and dropping off at Kailua or Kalama beach parks.

Regarding Kailua Beach Park, the bridge was built in 1925. That tells you how old our Kailua Infrastructure is.

There are pictures of these buses trying to turn around at the boat ramp. There are pictures of these buses trying to make it thru the Lanikai Loop and hitting parked cars. The traffic and congestion, the buses who drop off and pick up, is ridiculous. While the tour buses are currently in the park, they do not follow the rules.

I've heard that the bus drivers are rude. They don't have any concern for the pedestrians, bicyclists or other users of the park.

These buses have shown disregard for Kailua.

My thoughts regarding the Permits and Concession stands.

I wouldn't mind one concession stand at Kailua Beach Park, to replace the one that has fallen apart. (who let that go to such deterioration?)

I don't want any permits or concession stands at Kalama Beach Park.

The one concession stand at Kailua Beach Park I don't want to go to the highest bidder.

I suggest that a bid to go to be picked by reverse bidding. (meaning the most local, the best choice for Kailua, a resident of Kailua)

Regarding the current permit process. The stroller striders have been trying to obtain a permit from the park with out success. Why would

a Kayak company be able to obtain a permit and the stroller striders can't get one?

What about the permits for the tents and chairs for funerals and other celebrations? The Bouncy Houses? There are legitimate

people with concern for the park and would like to use the park to meet for fun and recreation. Would this bill make it

impossible for such events to occur? Would it be illegal to conduct a Stroller physical fitness recreational group run by a

physical trainer who charges \$ for classes?

Regarding the Kayak drop off process. I like that there could be a designated drop off point such as the dirt lot on the mountain side

before the bridge. This should be designated only for Kayak companies who have permits.

These are said reasons why I don't want a total ban of business in the park.

I do want a total ban of Big Buses utilizing our parks.

Happy Day,

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